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Last Day of Term Two
Semester one will end this Friday June 26 at 2:30 p.m. I would like to wish the whole college community a safe and happy holiday period. Semester 1 has been a very busy semester and both the students and staff are looking forward to a break from the routine. Please recharge the batteries and I look forward to working with you in semester 2.

School buses will all run one hour earlier on the return home journey.

Newsletter in term 3
The newsletter is one of the major ways of communicating to college community. Mrs Julie Maxfield in the office does a great job of editing and publishing the newsletter to make sure that the whole community is kept up to date with what is happening at the college. The newsletter has traditionally been sent home to families in hard copy. At the start of term 3 the newsletter will not be sent home in hard copy. It will be distributed electronically. It will be available on the website, through XUNO, Facebook and email. I encourage the college community to access it through their preferred medium to keep up to date with the college activities. We will make a limited number of hard copies available for those who wish to continue accessing the information through the traditional method. If anyone wants a hard copy they can drop into the office and pick up a newsletter.

Careers Expo
This Tuesday, June 23 is the Western Victoria Careers Expo. Our year 10, 11 and 12 cohort will attend the Expo at Longerenong College. The students who attend will start the process of ‘life after school’ and where to when it comes to a career. It is a great way for them to explore endless possibilities of job opportunities. I look forward to sharing the day with our students and helping them to start thinking about what is possible after they finish their secondary education.

Are You the Holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card?
If yes, you may be eligible to claim the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund allowance of $125 for primary students and $225 for secondary students. This allowance would then be available to pay for school trips, camps and sporting activities. It cannot be used to pay for any other costs incurred.

Please contact the school office to obtain a claim form and be sure to submit the claim by the end of term 26 June 2015. Cards must be valid on the first day of term 2 the 13 July 2015.
**Casual Clothes day**
This Friday is the last Friday of the month and that means it is a CASUAL clothes day for all students. The SRC will collect a gold coin donation from all students who wear casual clothes. The money raised will be used by the SRC to assist them with costs in running up-coming activities.

The Week that was!

**Year 11 Work Experience**
I would like to congratulations all the Year 11 students who went on work experience last week. The reports I got back from the staff visits was that the students, on mass, did very well and enjoyed themselves. From the students who I spoke to it was clear that they enjoyed themselves but at their age most of them were still unsure about their future direction after they finish school. Thank you to all the local organisations that allowed our students to come into their work environments and experience a work place.

**Year 10 Exams**
The year 10 cohort have now completed their mid-year exams. From all reports it appears that the process has been very successful. The students I spoke to felt quite positive about this part of their assessment process. I would like to thank the staff and the students on a job well done.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

**WHOLE SCHOOL**

Xuno Parent and Student Portal Assessment Results

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**Note:** Semester one tasks will continue to be published this week, so please check the portal towards the end of this week for final updates on unit progression.

To view the results login to [http://portal.murtoasc.vic.edu.au/](http://portal.murtoasc.vic.edu.au/) using your college issued username and password. Students are also able to login using their school username and password. Please contact the office if you are having any issues using the new assessment and reporting system.
Primary News

Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have helped to make this a wonderful semester at Murtoa College. The students have participated in a range of educational experiences from initial testing, authentic classroom tasks, Primary Parent Information Session, swimming, Parent-Teacher Interviews, ANZAC Day commemorations, DSSA Cross Country, Responsible Pet Ownership, Easter Raffle, BBQ fundraising, Lightning Premiership, NAPLAN, Country Education Program performances, Royal Flying Doctors Service dental checks, Hooptime Basketball, School Social and AFL Clinic. We are incredibly proud of the students’ ability to positively participate in the events we are able to offer at Murtoa College. Next term will also be very exciting with the Murtoa College Science Awards and DSSA Athletics being particularly noteworthy items.

We have also implemented a number of changes this year to our reporting system and communication methods. Xuno has allowed teachers to report student achievement throughout the semester to parents, which we believe is a very important step forward. Publishing student achievement (and challenges) more regularly allows students and parents to make changes or seek assistance in a timely manner. Furthermore, we have opened a Facebook page enabling us to share exciting news and events more efficiently and effectively. Next term we are going to continue to publish our newsletter on the college website and Facebook page, however, we will be reducing the number of hardcopies and also be printing less images, as they are available in higher quality online.

On behalf of the primary teachers, I’d like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday. We encourage students to continue daily reading where possible and also to recharge their batteries before what is set to be a busy Term 3. Finally, school will finish at 2:30pm this Friday.

Mr Brad Venn
Acting Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Back row: Will, Jorja, Jade and Cleo.
Front row: Johnno, Ebony, Mikaela and Tyler.

Reading Awards

Front row: Charli, Kobe, Ryan C, Tilley and Regan.
9/10 METALWORK

This semester has seen students designing and making belt buckles. The design was constructed out of aluminium, which was then mounted on to steel and attached to a leather belt. Some of the designs will be on display at the front office this week.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

We are now half way through the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It’s still not too late to enter, and it is an impressive inclusion to have on your resume. (It shows that you are literate and can set yourself goals, though some just do it for the luncheon I provide at the end of the Challenge!) I have had work experience students entering books students have read, though we can only enter ones that have been borrowed through our library system. There are a number of students that are so close to finishing – needing to read a couple of books from the Challenge list.

For information on the Challenge visit the website
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx

To register, please see Mrs Reading in the library.

Congratulations to the 16 students who have finished the Challenge:

Year 3  Seth Callaby, Charlie Gawith, Emily Clarke, Felicity Okley, Cameron Whyte  
Year 4  Oscar Gawith, Noah Horvat, Wayne Nash, Tyler Wright  
Year 5  Fraser Adler, Lloyd Baker  
Year 6  Nic Ballagh, Monique Gellatly  
Year 7  Curtis Brown, Lydia Moore  
Year 8  Teneille Nitschke

Overdues

A number of our favourite titles are either missing or are long overdue. Please check your shelves at home so that our money can be spent on new and exciting titles rather than having to replace missing ones.

Jenny Reading

Bec Dunlop is passionate about healthy lifestyles and helping people. Join her for a Zumba class at the Murtoa Mechanics Hall on the 24th of June at 6pm where all proceeds will go towards Rachael’s Wish.

For more information about the appeal, see the Rachael’s Wish Facebook page.

Our goal is to achieve over 50 participants; life begins outside your comfort zone... It'll be an absolute burst of fun, laughter and a good time guys!

Contact Bec Dunlop for more information
# Sport Dates for Term 3 & 4, 2015

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For more information and details of GWR and State events please refer to SSV website. See below.

[www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au)

The place to go to find all information regarding Victorian School Sport

“Save it in your favourites”

Once in the site, navigate your way using the blue rectangular buttons down the left hand side.

You will find; dates, draws, competition conditions, results and photos.

On the 'Home' pages you will find a calendar as well as important competition dates and Coordinator contact details.

For the Greater Western Region information:
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Please look at any other relevant pages on the website.

You will find the most up to date information on all aspects of School Sport in Victoria.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Training in Minyip

Team Photo’s – Link to Web Page will be available soon for viewing and purchasing.

Football

Auskick/U 12’s

Training is this Thursday at 5pm and will be the last training for the Auskickers. It will go for approximately 30 minutes and then we will move into the White House for the Auskickers to have hotdogs and a short presentation, will not keep the kids out long as school the next day.
If it is raining on the night we will not have the training but just the breakup at 5pm. A big thank you to Gibba and Moon for training the kids, we all appreciate what you guys do.
U12's will have a break from training over the holidays and continue to train Thursday nights at 5pm till the end of the home and away season.
Training is only for the children that are registered to play U12's.
There is a game this Saturday in Nhill. All players are to be at the ground at 10.45am for an 11am start.

Nat Johnston 0428852308
natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com

Netball

Another successful ALL GRADES netball training session was held last Thursday night, where the girls were partnered up with their buddies, & put into groups, once they all had their warm up, they all took to three different stations which consisted of a game of netball, soccer & a circuit, which they all rotated around, was a lot of ball handling skills, fun and fitness rolled into one!
Well done to all involved.

Hope you all enjoyed the weekend off.

This weeks training will be up at MINYIP, then we head to Nhill on Saturday.

Jess Whyte - 0428 837381

MMNC Junior Coordinator
10 mindsets to improve your parenting

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

1. **Believe in your child**
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind to. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expression, your body language, even the way you look at them.

2. **Look for the best**
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is their weaknesses and poor performance you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. **Think long term**
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her, you need to teach them the skills so they can become self-sufficient.

4. **Be brave**
   Parents of large families invariably give their later-born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later-born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility, you need to be brave.

5. **Think family**
   Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting “the gang” rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. **Accept challenges**
   There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. **Build your community**
   Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. **Trust the process**
   Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. **Adversity builds character**
   It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. **This too shall pass**
    The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”
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